


Obituaries and Funeral Notices

Larry Dean Blackwood

Wendy Genereux





Clyde, KS - Larry Dean Blackwood, 74 years of age, of Clyde passed away Wednesday, February 19, 2025, at his home in Clyde. He was born on September 5, 1950, in Concordia, to Dr. Dean “Doc” James and Madeleine (Kegle) Blackwood. Larry was a 1968 Graduate of Clyde High School. He received his bachelor's degree from Ft. Hays State University in 1972. He went on to earn his master's in business administration from Wichita State University in 1982. Larry served in the United

States Army during the Viet-Nam War. He was honorably discharged. He worked for Beechcraft and Ampco in Wichita, before making his return to Clyde where he owned and operated Blackwood's Department Store. He was a member of the V.F.W. Post #7515 in Clyde and the American Legion Post #76 Concordia. Larry enjoyed playing cards, watching sports and volunteering at the V.F.W. Post #7515. Larry is survived by his mother, Madeleine Blackwood, Clyde; his three sons, Justin Armbrister (Wendi), Blue Ridge, TX, Joseph Blackwood (Allison), Grants Pass, OR, and Tyler Blackwood, Arnold, MO; his four grandchildren, Shelby, JR, Jayden and Avery; his five brothers, Gary Blackwood of Holton, Dr. Terry (Tammy) Blackwood of Concordia, Dr. D.J. (Amy) Blackwood of Westmoreland, Dr. Brad (Alisha) Blackwood of Clyde, and Lance (Cindi) Blackwood of Thompsons Station, TN; his five sisters, De (Allen) Roth of Hays, Christine (Randy) Lawson of Agenda, Debbie Blackwood of Holton, Karla Weatherhead of Belleville (Gary Ramseyer of Clyde), and Jackie (Wayne) Brooks of Winfield; brother-in-law, William Risetter, Junction City; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father Dr. Dean “Doc” James Blackwood, and a sister, Sonja Risetter. Graveside services will be held 11:00 a.m., Saturday, April, 5, 2025, at the Mount Calvary Catholic Cemetery, Clyde, with Fr. Steven Heina officiating. Military Honors will be provided by the local V.F.W. Post #7515 Honor Guard, Clyde. Family and friends will gather after the graveside service at the Community Hall where a luncheon and continued celebration of Larry's life will be held. Memorial contributions may be given to the V.F.W. Post # 7515 in care of the Chaput Mortuary, PO Box 291, Clyde, KS 66938. For online condolences, visit [www.chaputbuoy.com](http://www.chaputbuoy.com)



Clyde, KS - Wendy Genereux passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on Friday, February 28, 2025, at her home in Clyde. She was born November 5, 1964 in Russell, along with a twin brother Wade, to Everett A. and Fay A. (Thomas) Sechtem. Wendy was a 1984 graduate of Kearney High School, Kearney, NE. She married Bill Genereux on January 16, 1993 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Concordia. She worked for many years in the food industry as a bakery deli manager and supervisor for Boogaarts Food Stores, and later became a homemaker and operated a home-based business, Wendy's Party Treats. She was active in the St. John the Baptist Church at Clyde as a funeral meal group leader and helped to operate the church food pantry. She cared deeply about her community, proudly serving on the city council and as Mayor of Clyde.

She was a member of the VFW Women's Auxiliary of Clyde. Wendy enjoyed coffee on the porch, going to her children's school and sports activities, cooking, camping, and spending time with her family. Survivors include her husband Bill Genereux of the home; her children Emily Genereux, Manhattan, and Thomas Genereux, Clyde; brother, Weston Sechtem, Independence, MO; sister-in-law, CheriLea Sechtem, Battlefield, MO; and many beloved nieces, nephews, cousins, and other family. She was preceded in death by her parents Everett and Fay Sechtem, and her brothers Wade and Steve Sechtem. Visitation will be held from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm on Thursday, March 6, 2025, at the Chaput Mortuary in Clyde. A Vigil/Rosary Service will be held 6:00 p.m., on Thursday, March 6, 2025, at the St. John The Baptist Catholic Church, led by Fr. Steven Heina. Family will greet friends after the Rosary Service in the fellowship hall. Mass of Christian Burial will be held 10:00 a.m., Friday, March 7, 2025, at the St. John The Baptist Catholic Church in Clyde, with Fr. Steven Heina officiating. Burial will follow in the Mount Calvary Catholic Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be left to Wendy Genereux memorial fund to be decided later for local charities in Wendy's memory, in care of Chaput Mortuary, PO Box 291, Clyde, Kansas 66938. Condolences may be left online at [www.chaputbuoy.com](http://www.chaputbuoy.com)

In Other Words... by Matthew Jorgenson

Three times this past year, you have held this very august publication in your hand and thought “it’s heavier this week, I wonder why?” And then you open it and discover that there is a six page legal notice that you try and follow along with, and only those of you that are lawyers will read to the end and really understand it. Those three times I mention were agreements between Kansas Gas and the cities of Vining, Clifton, and Clyde. If you made it through and understood what was going on, kudos to you and your Washburn Law (or KU Law, or Creighton Law. I don’t know all of the law schools, but I’m sure they are all great) degree. But I’ll give you the simple version. Every 20 years the natural gas company and cities across the state that they provide service to enter into an agreement that gives back a percentage of paid bills to the cities. This is an agreement that allows Kansas Gas to build and maintain their infrastructure for the community while also holding them accountable for making sure that all infrastructure and services are taken care of. And let me say, they do a very good job of keeping the pilot lights on. The city, for allowing the company to operate in their jurisdiction, receives a check (2% for Clyde and Clifton and 4% for Vining) of gross paid receipts (for paid bills only, natch) monthly. This doesn’t seem like much until you find out that Clyde receives on average \$500 per month, Clifton gets just short of \$400.00 per month on average and Vining \$740 for all of 2024. Now I’m no math major (C student actually in high school in the math courses) but if the city is receiving that much at that percentage point, then it is verrry worth Kansas Gas’ time to keep everyone happy. And since it is a legal agreement between the city and another entity then they must publish it in the official city newspaper for all of you to peruse. So you won’t have to see these for another 19 years, but now you know. And knowledge is what you read the newspaper for!!



Clyde Area  
Recycling Center  
Open  
Saturdays 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.